

To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapters 11 and 12

Chapter 11

1. Why is Atticus so insistent about Jem and Scout being polite to Mrs. Dubose and Jem's reading to Mrs. Dubose?
2. Why do you think the author gives such a detailed and ugly description of Mrs. Dubose? How does it make you feel?
3. Atticus explains to the children why he considers Mrs. Dubose to be a real lady and a brave person. How does this fit in with his explanation of why he is defending Tom Robinson?

Chapter 12

1. Jem is now twelve years old. There is a widening gap between Scout and Jem. Find two or three examples which illustrate the emotional distance between them.
2. How do you explain Lula's antagonism toward Jem and Scout?
3. Scout finds the church service to be similar to her own except for a few differences. Explain what these are.
4. Why does Cal speak one way around colored people and another way around white people? Is she being honest or hypocritical in what she does? Explain.